

Health and Safety at Work: A Tedious Obligation or Part of Economic Success?

Conference on Safety and Health at Work in Tallinn

21.10.2015

Venue: **Nordic Hotel Forum**, Tallinn

Programme

10:15 Registration and Morning Refreshments

11:00 Chair's Welcome and Introduction

Ms Maret Maripuu, Director General of the Estonian Labour Inspectorate

11:15 Welcome by:

Mr Eiki Nestor, President of the Riigikogu, Estonia

Mr Kevin Myers, President of the IALI

Mr Kristen Michal, Minister of Economic Affairs and Infrastructure, Estonia

12:00 Panel Session One: **New challenges - health and safety at work in the context of aging workforce**

We live longer but not always a healthy life. The quantity and quality of employment greatly depends not only on structural labour market policies but on demography, the economy's sectorial and geographical structure and the willingness of companies, social partners and government to meet these changes. Age management at organisational level means that age-related factors in daily management, including work arrangements and individual work tasks are taken into consideration. What kinds of reforms and investments should be prioritised with an aging workforce to ensure better prevention for all throughout working life? Does our OSH legislation need to be updated?

Chair: **Mr Hannes Rumm**, Head of the European Commission Representation in Estonia

Speakers:

Mr Hanno Tomberg, Chairman of the Board, Enterprise Estonia

Mrs Helmen Kütt, Member of the Riigikogu, former Minister of Social Protection of Estonia

Mr Raivo Vare, Business Manager and Consultant, Estonia

Prof. Dago Antov, Tallinn University of Technology, Department of Logistics, Head of the Chair of Transport Planning

Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panelist

13:30 Networking Lunch

14:30 Panel Session Two: **Prevention and Early Intervention - the importance of a preventive safety and health at work culture.**

Each year, an estimated 2,3 million people die as a result of work-related accidents and diseases, 313 million suffer from a non-fatal workplace accidents and 160 million new cases of occupational illnesses are reported. The financial burden of compensation, health care and rehabilitation is huge and may amount to 4 per cent of GDP annually for work injuries alone. Investment in prevention has led to a significant decrease in accidents at work and occupational diseases. It has saved the lives and health of millions of people. Investment in prevention and early intervention makes economic sense and has a significant impact.

Chair: **Anna-Mari Oomer**, BDO Eesti AS

Speakers:

Mr Tim Tregenza, Network Manager, European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

Mr Ivars Vanadzinš, Director of the Institute for Occupational Safety and Environmental Health of Latvia

Mrs Yana Toom, Member of the European Parliament

Dr. Anu Kasmel, Vice-President of the Estonian Union for Health Promotion

Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panelist

16:00 Afternoon Coffee Break

16:30 Panel Session Three: **Healthy Workplaces – a myth or reality?**

Most successful companies think about their future and invest both in the invention and health and safety of their employees. Do we need better

enforcement of current rules and better use of existing instruments or is a fundamentally different approach needed to make the most out of healthy workplaces? What are the economic incentives that influence companies behaviour?

Chair: **Mr Nigel Iyer**, Partner of Septia Group, Norway

Speakers:

Mr Kevin Myers, Acting Chief Executive The Health and Safety Executive of UK

Mrs Marje Josing, Director of Estonian Institute of Economic Research

Mr Valdo Kalm, Chairman of the Board, Eesti Telekom

Mr Kris De Meester, Chairman of the Health and Safety Working Group of Business Europe, Union of Industrial and Employers Confederations of Europe

Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panelist

18:00 Closing Remarks

Mr Jevgeni Ossinovski, Minister of Health and Labour of Estonia
Rewarding of the best companies

19.30 – 22.00 Cocktail and dinner

1-st Summit of Labor Inspectorate Leaders of the Baltic Sea countries

22.10.2015

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9:30 Registration and Morning Refreshments

10:00 Chair's Welcome and Introduction

**10.15 – 11.45 Dr Gaabriel Tavits, Professor of Law of Tartu
University**

Dr Gaabriel Tavits will open the discussions to talk about employers' obligations organising the working environment and compensation for damage to the employees' health in Estonia and other European Union member states

11.45 – 12.05 Coffee break

12.05 – 13.30 Panel discussion.

Short presentation (10min) by representative of each country.

13.30 – 15.00 Closure of the Summit and lunch